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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER ELEVEN

1. SUMMARY: FRYKLUND REVIEWED US INFORMATION EXCHANGE ITEMS AND INDICATED WHERE THE US SIDE BELIEVED THE US AND SOVIET POSITIONS WERE IN AGREEMENT AND WHERE THE US SIDE WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO THE SOVIET POSITION. SAFRONOV SAID THE SOVIET UNION WANTS LARGE YIELDS FOR CONTAINED SINGLE PNES, BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR CONTAINED PNES OVER THE TTBT THRESHOLD, AND THEREFORE HAD SUGGESTED A LIMIT OF 150 KT. THEY COULD SEE NO REASON FOR A LOWER LIMIT ON THE BASIS OF YIELD UNCERTAINTY. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE ADDED INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR PNES AMOUNTS TO A VERIFICATION SITUATION EQUIVALENT TO TTBT VERIFICATION EVEN THOUGH MEASUREMENT ERRORS MIGHT BE GREATER. HE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VERIFYING SIDE TO EXPLOSIONS NEAR THE 150 KT THRESHOLD, ON THE BASIS OF COOPERATION, IN CASE VERIFYING SIDE MIGHT HAVE DOUBTS THAT THRESHOLD WOULD BE EXCEEDED. MOROKHOV SAID THE DETAILS OF THIS GENERAL STATEMENT COULD BE DISCUSSED LATER, BUT UNDERScoreD THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF OBSERVERS WOULD DEPEND ON AGREEMENT ON THE THRESHOLD AND THE BASIS OF COOPERATION. THE FIFTH PLENARY WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M. JUNE 6 WHEN THE US SIDE WILL COMMENT ON SAFRONOV'S STATEMENT ON CONTAINED SINGLE EXPLOSIONS AND

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GIVE A PRESENTATION ON SLIFERS. THE SOVIETS WILL DISCUSS

YIELD LIMITS AND VERIFICATION OF EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS.
END SUMMARY

2. THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION OPENED WITH STOESSEL IN THE CHAIR. MOROKHOV INTRODUCED MR. VINOGRADOY, A NEW MEMBER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MFA. FULL NAME WILL FOLLOW.

3. NORDYKE READ A BRIEF STATEMENT CORRECTING SOME ERRORS IN HIS PREVIOUS DAY'S STATEMENT (SEPTTEL). STOESSEL THEN INTRODUCED FRYKLUND WHO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE (SEPTTEL). STOESSEL SUMMARIZED THE MAIN THRUST OF FRYKLUND'S PRESENTATION AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ITEMS THAT REMAIN IN AN UNCERTAIN STATUS BE TAKEN UP BY EXPERTS NEXT WEEK.

4. IN HIS PRESENTATION FRYKLUND DISPLAYED A BRIEFING BOARD LISTING TWO CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE. THE GENERAL INFORMATION CATEGORY CONTAINED THOSE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ITEMS DESIRED BY THE U.S. WHICH THE US SIDE BELIEVED (WITH MORE OR LESS CERTAINTY) THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE FOR ALL PNES. THE DETAILED INFORMATION CATEGORY CONTAINED THE REMAINING INFORMATION EXCHANGE ITEMS DESIRED BY THE US, SOME OF WHICH THE US SIDE BELIEVED THE SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE FOR HIGHER YIELD PNES. FRYKLUND NOTED THAT THE US SIDE HAD PROPOSED THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ITEMS ON THE BOARD BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PNES AND THEN COMPARED THE ENTIRE LISTING OF ITEMS TO WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE THE PRESENT SOVIET POSITION. HE NOTED ALL SPECIFIC ITEMS AS TO WHICH WE WERE UNSURE OF THE SOVIET POSITION AND CALLED FOR CLAFIFICATION OF THESE IN NEXT WEEKS'S EXPERTS MEETINGS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO FRYKLUND'S PRESENTATION, MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT IT WAS INDEED A GOOD SUBJECT FOR EXPERTS MEETINGS, BUT THAT HE WANTED TO CLARIFY ONE POINT ON VOLUME OF INFORMATION. HIS IMPRESSION FROM PREVIOUS ROUNDS AND THIS ROUND WAS THAT THE VOLUME OF INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE EQUAL FOR ALL TYPES (YIELD?) OF EXPLOSIONS. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE GRADATION OF INFORMATION WITH YIELD WAS CORRECT. FRYKLUND REPLIED THAT A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EXPLOSIONS, BUT WE WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IN
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EXPERTS SESSIONS. MOROKHOV STATED THAT THIS AGREES WITH THE SOVIET POSITION. STOESSEL REPLIED THAT WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE A MORE FORMAL STATEMENT ON THIS. MOROKHOV AGREED AND THEN INTRODUCED SAFRONOV FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON YIELD LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED EXPLOSIONS.

6. SAFRONOV STATED THAT WHILE THE SOVIET SIDE HAD IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT WOULD REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED

YIELDS GREATER THAN 150 KT, THEY HAD RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS AND HAD MET THE AMERICAN SIDE HALF-WAY BY PROPOSING TO LIMIT INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED PNES TO 150 KT. THEY SAW NO GROUNDS FOR REDUCING THIS TO 100 KT, AND SAID ARGUMENTS FOR SUCH REDUCTION IN THE LIMIT BY THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE NOT CONVINCING. HE THEN LISTED GENERAL VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR CONTAINED PNES:

A. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON EXPLOSIONS PRIOR TO EVENT. VOLUME OF INFORMATION DEPENDENT ON YIELD.

B. VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS WITH THE AID OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY SIDE CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION.

C. RESULTS OF EXPLOSION AFTER IT IS CONDUCTED.

D. POSSIBILITY INVITATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VERIFYING SIDE ON THE BASIS OF COOPERATION WHEN THE YIELD OF THE EXPLOSION IS IN THE VICINITY OF THE LIMIT SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE AND WHEN THE VERIFYING SIDE MIGHT HAVE SUSPICIONS THAT THE THRESHOLD HAD BEEN EXCEEDED.

SAFRONOV CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE CONTEMPLATED FOR PNES MAKES NET VERIFICATION EQUIVALENT TO TTBT VERIFICATION EVEN THOUGH ASSOCIATED MEASUREMENT ERRORS MIGHT BE GREATER.

7. ON BEING PRESSED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE OBSERVER ELEMENT OF THEIR POSITION (I.E. OBSERVERS BEFORE OR AFTER THE SHOT), MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD MADE A GENERAL STATEMENT THE DETAILS OF WHICH NEED TO BE DISCUSSED BY US (STOESSEL-MOROKHOV). PARTICULARS WILL DEPEND ON THE THRESHOLD AND EVERYTHING IS ON THE BASIS OF COOPERATION.

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ON FURTHER QUESTIONING BY STOESSEL ON WHEN OBSERVERS WOULD BE ALLOWED, MOROKHOV FINALLY REPLIED, "GIST OF PROPOSITION IS THAT WE INFER POSSIBILITY OF SITUATIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE SUCH A DECISION BRACKETS I.E. PRE-SHOT OBSERVATION END BRACKETS. IN CONVERSATION AFTER THE MEETING WITH BUCHHEIM AND JOYCE, IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, SAFRONOV SAID VERIFYING SIDE MIGHT DETERMINE NEED FOR OBSERVATION ON BASIS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE BEFORE AN EXPLOSION OR AFTER THE EXPLOSION ON BASIS OF MEASUREMENTS ON THE EVENT.

8. FOR FRIDAY'S AGENDA STOESSEL SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SOVIET SIDE TO COVER THEIR THIRD KEY ISSUE, YIELD LIMITS AND VERIFICATION OF EXCAVATION PNES, IN ORDER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR EXPERTS MEETINGS NEXT WEEK. THE US SIDE WOULD MAKE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO SAFRONOV'S

PRESENTATION AND SPEAK ON ANOTHER APPROACH TO DISTINGUISHING AND MEASURING THE YIELDS OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS IN CONTAINED GROUP EXPLOSIONS. STOESSEL SAID THAT WE HAD STATED BEFORE THAT WE DO NOT EXCLUDE COOPERATION IN THE PNE FIELD, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY TASKS ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE EXPERTS.

9. MOROKHOV ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED AGENDA AND THE MEETING WAS SET FOR 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY WITH A SECOND MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. IF NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE AGENDA.
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